

HOUSE RESOLUTION 39

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ryan Schumacher of Hixson upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Schumacher, an esteemed resident of Hixson and a senior at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2010, all public and private middle-level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Schumacher was chosen as Distinguished Finalist in the program in response to his volunteer efforts with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, as well as for a project he created at the age of eleven; and

WHEREAS, Ryan and his sister created a project that has provided 500 backpacks filled with school supplies to needy children and, for the last seven years, Ryan has helped to secure cash and in-kind donations, to shop for school supplies, to organize and pack the backpacks, and to deliver them to children through various charitable groups; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ryan Schumacher who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ryan Schumacher as a Distinguished Finalist in the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.